

Reconciliation Report

County Name: Klickitat County

Election Type: Special

Election Date: February 9, 2010

Active Registered Voters	9,177	Overall Ballot Reconciliation:	Ballots Returned	4,814
Inactive Registered Voters	816		Ballots Counted	4,786
Total Registered Voters	9993		Ballots Rejected	29
			Not Reconciled	1

Voter Category Reconciliation Detail					
Voter/ Ballot Categories	Issued	Received / Returned (include provisionals from other counties)	Accepted / Counted	Rejected (includes provisional ballots sent to other counties)	Reconciled
UOCAVA (Overseas and Military)	97	15	15	0	0
Federal Write-In	N/A				0
Provisional	0				0
Ballots cast on DRE's	0				0
All other ballots not reported above (include ACP)	1	1	1	0	0
Totals (should equal the overall ballot reconciliation)	98	16	16	0	0
If the reconciliation column does not equal zero, provide an explanation of the discrepancies and/or the process followed to resolve the discrepancies per WAC 434-262-060, 070 and 100.					

Informational Data Requested by OSOS: 0	
The number of AVU ballots voted (including those marked with an AutoMark)	

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Documentation of Reconciliation Issue for Klickitat County

2/3/2010

After scanning all ballots received through the Hart Ballot Now system it became apparent that the total ballots scanned did not match the number of ballots scanned in Votec. The difference was one ballot. Mert and Brandie discovered this at 4:15 p.m. Brenda and Pam were not in the office so they waited until the following morning to speak to one of them about this matter. Mert and Brandie printed the proper reports and compared No Signatures and No Matches to make sure the reports reflected the correct numbers, the reports were correct. They double checked the number of ballots waiting to be duplicated and made sure to account for all of those in the totals and they still couldn't find the problem.

2/4/2010

Mert and Brandie spoke to Pam Pimley, the Chief Deputy Auditor, about the number of ballots scanned in Votec and Hart not matching. The plan of action began with rescanning all of the affidavit envelopes in Votec to make sure all the voters were properly credited. Tabatha, Mert, and Brandie completed this process and couldn't find any problems. Next, all of the scanned ballots were hand counted to verify that they matched the total in the Hart system and they found no problems. The pink security envelopes were then inspected to make sure no affidavit envelopes were mixed in with them, none were mixed in. Finally, all of the yellow affidavit envelopes were hand counted and the total matched the number of voters credited in Votec. All of the empty envelopes and scanned ballots were secured in bags with numbered seals and placed in the secure election room in the basement.

The findings were reported to Pam Pimley and she instructed the elections staff to document this issue and the steps taken to solve it.

2/5/2010

Mert and Brandie told Brenda about the situation. She instructed them to make sure when opening the pink security envelopes to open each one and inspect the ballot before opening another pink envelope. This process will ensure no one has returned two ballots in their ballot envelope.

Brenda emailed Tracy Buckles with the Sec.of State's Office to notify them of our reconciliation issue. Below is the email she sent and the response our office received on 2/8/2010.

Brenda's email to Tracy:

Attached is a summary of our reconciliation issue. We do have 1 ACP voter so there actually is a difference of 2 ballots. After discussing this today, we are changing our process of opening the pink security envelopes so that when they are opened, the ballot is pulled out, opened and placed in a stack. This way, should a voter place 2 ballots (for example if someone decides to put their

spouse's ballot inside of one security envelope along with theirs...a hypothetical is all here), it would be caught at the time the ballot was taken out of the pink envelope. I am suspecting that the security envelopes may have been opened, ballots removed and stacked together and opened up later ... if there would have been two ballots in one envelope, it could have been missed.

Tracy's response:

As you know, sometimes it is just impossible to account for every single ballot. It seems like you and your staff have done everything they could to find the discrepancy. You've also documented the situation well. At this point, you'll just need to present the documentation to your canvassing board when you certify.

You've done everything you need to do. Good job team!

Approved this 24th day of February, 2010

Ray Thayer
BOCC Chairman/ Designee

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Prosecuting Attorney

Brenda Sorensen
Auditor

